Setting up a water supply project in Tirupur

4094. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Tirupur's ability to manufacture textiles are facing great danger on account of water scarcity; and

(b) if so, the action proposed to set up a water supply in Tirupur to meet the demand of Indian Government export industry as well as save the labour from retrenchment ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR) : (a) and (b) As per the information received from the Government of Tamil Nadu, the textile manufacturing activities in Tirupur have not been affected on account of scarcity of water nor has there been any labour retrenchment. However, in order to improve the water availability position and to enable the Textile Industry to face global competition, the Government of Tamil Nadu have decided to implement an integrated Water Supply and Sewerage Scheme. For this purpose, a Special Purpose Vehicle known as New Tirupur Area Development Corporation Ltd. (NTADCL) was formed for implementing the project on a Build, Own, Operate and Transfer (BOOT) basis.

Imposing three different duty structure on Textile Industry

4095. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH :
SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Federation of All India Textile Manufacturers' Association has criticised Government for imposing three different duty structures on the textile industry;

(b) if so, whether Federation has urged the Government to remove *ad valorem* duty to ensure a level-playing field;

(c) if so, whether from 1st May, 2001, there would be three different systems prevailing;

(d) if so, whether Government have considered the request of Federation; and

(e) if so, by when final decision will be taken ?